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I thank you for sending this along.

The GC's analysis is sound, I would say, for the period 1946-1957. During that period DESDEMONA's status was, indeed, that of an independent contractor. I am not convinced that one can say the same for the period of his Libyan assignment. Personally, I think D would have a better case than the GC allows for a claim based on the consequences of the Libyan employment. In any event, the GC separates the legal from the moral and leaves open the possibility of a solution (Para 13). Overall, therefore, I regard this memo as a fair, objective presentation.

Time is of the essence it seems to me. (You have my notes on the recent talk with Miss Reeves and a copy of D's letter.) We have the basis here, if [] agrees, for getting on with the dolorous job, and we should do so forthwith.

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